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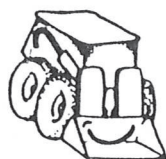
Tuesday, Dec 30, 7:00 PM
Hometown Buffet
5400 South Redwood Road
Salt Lake City, Utah

Christmas Party
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You cannot buy tickets for this drawing. Your number of tickets is determined by how much you helped at the Nuts Coin Show last June and by how many meetings you attended during the year





President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Our Christmas Party will be at the Hometown Buffet on Tuesday Dec 30, 7:00 PM. We had to take Tuesday because Monday was not available. I hope everyone can come. The price is \$10.50 to be paid at the door. There is a discount for children.

Our Wagonmasters have been rounding up gifts to give away at the party, so if you've been a good boy or girl this year, come and pick up your share.

Our new elected officers for next year will be:

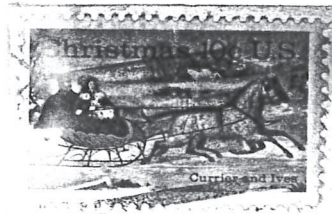
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If nothing else, this past year for me has been interesting. The most interesting thing is that first meeting last January, standing there in front of the room, with everybody looking at me, I didn't fall flat on my face,

I've got mixed feelings here. I am honored to have served as president. I'm happy that everything went reasonably well this year. I'm kicking myself for all the things I might have done better. I'm thankful for the help everyone gave me in getting things organized and taking care of all the little details, and I'm relieved to hand this job over to someone else.

I'll see you at the party

Dave



Giorgione, ca. 1478-1510
National Gallery of Art



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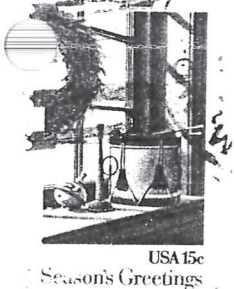
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'Twas the Night before Christmas



Book Review



For the next few months, when you go metal detecting you will want to take a hammer and chisel with you to remove your finds from the frozen ground. Your time may be better spent learning about Utah's history, and researching, and mapping out areas to go next summer.

With that in mind, I have a few good books that should be of interest to any Utah treasure hunter.

My first recommendation is Tale of the Lucin, by David Peterson. Mr. Peterson lives in California. He worked as a fisherman, and boat repairman. He knew of an old boat called the Lucin. He learned that it was one of the boats used to build the Lucin Cutoff for the Southern Pacific railroad across the Great Salt Lake beginning in 1902.

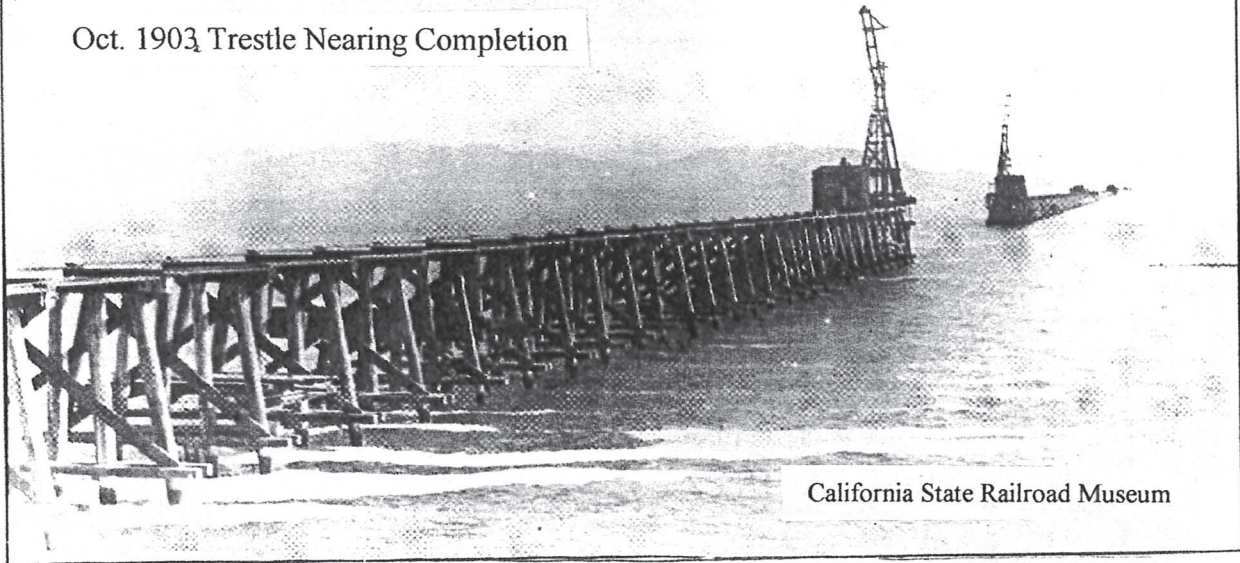
About a fourth of the book is dedicated to the history of the Great Salt Lake, including many good pictures of Saltair and other resorts on the lake (also a map showing their locations.)

The biggest part of the book describes the trials and tribulations of the crews that built the wooden trestle from Promontory Point to Lakeside, and the earthen grade from Promontory Point to Little Mountain. One page describes the periodic salvage errands, when they took the Lucin to the shore of Antelope Island to gather up and tow back the redwood timbers that had escaped and floated away from the pile drivers. Other pages describe the uncertain subsoil under the earthen grade--how it could suddenly give way, plunging entire trains under the saltwater.

The last two chapters tell how the Lucin was used after it returned to California, and the histories of the other boats that worked on the Lucin Cutoff.

Several years ago, Rich and I found the remains of a town on the west side of the Promontory Mountains. We guessed that it was either a military camp, or a mining town. When I read Tale of the Lucin, I knew that it was the town of Little Valley, with a population of over 1300. It was built for the workers who built the earthen causeway, which replaced the wooden trestle in the 1950's.

Oct. 1903 Trestle Nearing Completion



California State Railroad Museum

All that is left of Little Valley now are the cement foundations. Most of the time you can't even get to it because a locked gate blocks the road. Still it is worth the drive to see the spectacular view from Promontory Point.

To get there, take the road past Corrine. At Corinne, make sure you have enough gas for the next few hours. Follow the signs toward the Golden Spike Monument. About a half mile after you leave Highway 83, there is a fork in the road. Bear left, along the shore of the lake, past a few farms and ranches. There will be a big "No Trespassing" sign. But don't let that stop you; it is just warning you to stay on the main road and don't venture onto the private property on either side. After a few more miles, you will see the railroad tracks coming from Ogden. Then as you continue around the point, headed west, you will see the tracks continuing on across the lake toward Nevada.

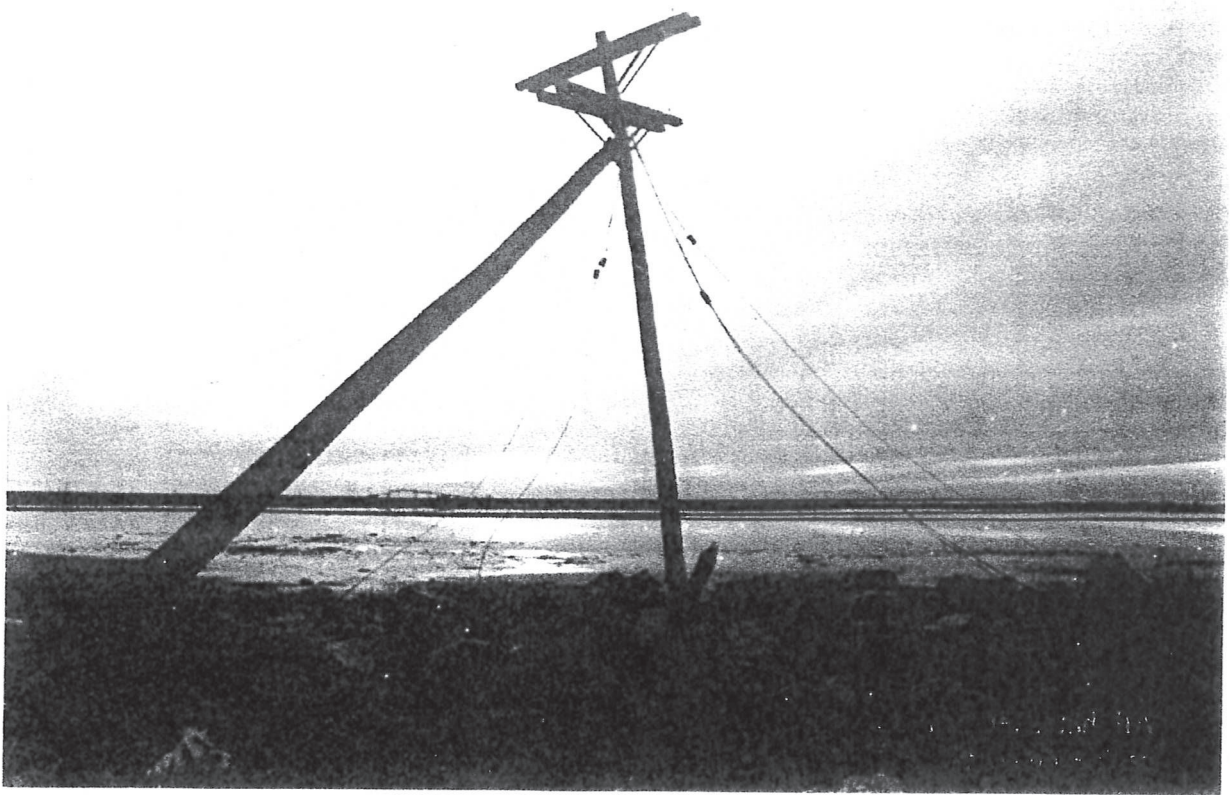
To the South, you will see the marina from where boats are still going out to salvage the redwood timbers from the original 1902 trestle. Huge boards and broken chunks of wood are scattered everywhere.

To the West is the GSL pumping station, taking concentrated salt water from the north arm of the lake over to their salt plant on Little Mountain.

Stay for the sunset, it is always beautiful.

And remember the Tale of the Lucin.

Karen



Above, Sunset at Promontory Point

Below, Abandoned Industrial Buildings at Promontory Point



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